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PAUL ROBESON, SR.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12-1-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/17, 19/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C FBK
TITLE PAUL ROBESON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: NB 9-1 <p>Additional information concerning subject's concert in Los Angeles in June, 1953 set out. Subject arrived in Los Angeles August 25, 1953 and departed for New York September 1, 1953. Subject's August, 1953 visit not publicized and subject made no public appearances, however met with CP and LANLC members. Subject reported suffering from heart trouble.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C - G. I. R. -</p>			
DETAILS: <p>The Los Angeles County Communist Party will be hereinafter be referred to as the LACCP.</p> <p>All sources in this report designated by T symbols are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>I BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>A. Residence in Los Angeles</u> [REDACTED] has advised that he believes subject to have resided at 236 102nd Place during his August visit to Los Angeles, California.</p> <p><u>B. Status of Health</u> [REDACTED] stated that he learned in [REDACTED] that subject has a "heart condition." [REDACTED] was able to obtain no details concerning this matter.</p>			
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II ACTIVITIES

A. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles
in June, 1953

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[redacted] has advised that the Los Angeles Negro Labor Council (LANLC) met at [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] stated that ROBESON was present at this meeting and in his conversation stressed the importance of Negro Labor Council members concentrating in local churches.

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[redacted] (c)
[redacted] (c)

On June 15, 1953 the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case (LACSJRC) met at 607 South Western Avenue. PAUL ROBESON was the featured guest.

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With regard to the LACSJRC, [redacted] stated in [redacted] that the LACSJRC was formed in early 1952 for the avowed purpose of preventing the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG who were sentenced to death on April 15, 1951 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for conspiring to commit espionage by furnishing United States atomic secrets to the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The LACSJRC is controlled and dominated by the LACCP through the assignment of Communist Party members to the steering committee of the LACSJRC. The LACSJRC receives advice and directives on all important issues from the leaders of the LACCP.

On [redacted] the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (LACFPB) met at [redacted] with subject in attendance.

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With respect to the LACFPB, [redacted] advised in March, 1952 that this organization is an adjunct of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign born. It activates on a local level policies as laid down by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b7D

On [redacted] a reception for subject was held at the home of [redacted] [redacted] has been identified by [redacted] as a member of the LACCP. b7c b7D

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B. Subject's Activities in Los Angeles in August, 1953

According to [redacted] subject arrived in Los Angeles by plane on August 25, 1953. He departed from Los Angeles for New York by plane on September 1, 1953. b7D

[redacted] has advised that subject's August visit to Los Angeles was not to receive any publicity and the subject was to make no speeches or public appearances.

[redacted] advised concerning a reception held for subject at [redacted] [redacted] was not able to state who or what organization sponsored this reception, however ROBESON's remarks are set out as of interest.

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ROBESON lead a discussion period which he started by inquiring for the most important issue which should be discussed stating that the answer should be considered on a world-wide basis and indicating that the appointment of BYRNES (former secretary of state JAMES BYRNES) to the United Nations by the President is a matter of grave importance. ROBESON also stated he is called a Communist because he fights for the Bill of Rights. He continued by saying there will soon be fighting in the African region at the instance of the United States Government because the United States is desirous of obtaining the minerals which exist in that country. Subject stated that as chairman of "African Affairs" he is familiar with the culture of the African people. He stated that a one man fight for the rights of Negroes is a difficult problem. Subject stated he was denied a passport by the United States when he attempted to travel to Africa two years ago because he has fought for the rights of Negroes.

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[redacted] advised that the Women's Committee of the LANLC met on [redacted] at [redacted] with subject in attendance.

^{X 4}
According to [redacted] subject was the guest at a reception in the home of [redacted] (supra) on [redacted]

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[redacted] has also advised concerning the above reception.

XI MISCELLANEOUS

^{X 4}
According to [redacted] subject's concerts in Los Angeles from June 14 to 21, 1953 resulted in his acquiring about \$2,600 to finance the newspaper "Freedom" and other activities. Subject stated he thought the concerts to have been a financial but not a political success and criticized the LANLC for not having better infiltrating the churches of Los Angeles.

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GENERAL

Remarks made by subject during his June concert tour in Los Angeles are not included in this report where they have been previously furnished in reference report.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation concerning subject's Security Index status is made since New York is the Office of Origin.

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Identity of Source	Date &/or Desc. of Activity	Date Rec'd	Agent	Location
T-1 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED] C
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED] C
b1 b7C b7D T-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	(written)	[REDACTED] C
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED]
T-3 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] (written)	[REDACTED] C
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	(written)	[REDACTED] C
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	(oral)	100-25861-294
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	(written)	[REDACTED]
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T-4 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
T-5 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
T-6 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	SA [redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
T-7 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
T-8 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
T-9 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
T-10 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (orally)	100-25861-295
T-11 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
T-12 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (Written)	[redacted] C
T-13 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] (written)	[redacted] C
T-14 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
T-15 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C
T-16 [redacted] C	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted] C

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated September 15, 1953 at Los Angeles

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, was.
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DATE: December 9, 1953

Card U.T.D.
1.4.54

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 408 West 128th St., Apt. 20New York, New YorkBusiness Address: Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.
- The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

☒ Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

Report of SA at Washington, D.C., 1-12-44.

Report of SA at New Haven, 4-6-44.

Report of SA at Springfield, 4-7-44.

Report of SA at New Haven, 4-10-47.

Report of SA RUC at New Haven, 6-26-52.

A supplementary summary will be prepared.

cc: New York Division (Enc.)
(100-56680)

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN	DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21, 22, 28, 29/53; 1/6/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE CHANGED: ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee, Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
SUMMARY REPORT Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, New York City. She associated with Communist Party members in Connecticut in 1952 and was described as a Communist Party member in 1950. She testified before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953 and refused to state whether she was a Communist Party member. She was Chairman of the PPC in 1952 and attended PPC meetings in 1953. She has been identified with CP front groups.			EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE
<p>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) OF DATE 2-30-81 RUC W</p> <p>AGENCY REC'D 1-21-54 DATE FORW. 1-25-54 HOW FORW. BY gag-211</p> <p>DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the subject's <u>true name</u> as given by subject when testifying before the Committee on Government Operations, U. S. Senate, on July 7, 1953, as ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON.</p> <p>All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.</p> <p>CLASSIFIED BY 2050 MAY 18 1977</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 5-1-57</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau (100-12304) 3 New York (100-5686) RM 2 New Haven (100-1032)</p> <p>20 JAN 22 1954</p> <p>CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 RSG/TMP REASON: FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 DATE OF REVIEW 12/1/90</p> <p>100-112304-298</p> <p>INDEXED - 78</p>			

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I BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was residing with her son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., at 408 West 128th Street, New York City, as of November 6, 1953. b7D

II CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] told the informant on [redacted] that the subject would be at [redacted] on [redacted] for a meeting. The informant was unable to advise what type of meeting was referred to. b7C b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member in 1952. Mrs. Paul Robeson

[redacted] has identified ESLANDA GOODE ROBESON, wife of PAUL ROBESON, as a concealed member of the Communist Party on June 29, 1950.

The February 8, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflects that the subject signed an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the CP convicted under the Smith Act. The article reflects that the subject's signing was announced by an organization called Families of Smith Act Victims.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act was an organization formed by the Communist Party leaders in the State of Connecticut to raise funds for the second level Communists on trial in New York City. b7D

The January 27, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist publication, contained an article which reflected that the subject was one of 150 women who signed "an appeal for amnesty for the 11 leaders of the Communist Party under the thought control provisions of the Smith Act".

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The July 8, 1953 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York City, reflected that the subject was called before the Senate Permanent Committee on Investigations, at which time she refused to state whether she was a Communist.

The July 8, 1953 issue of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, contained an article which reflected that the subject appeared before the Senate Investigations Committee headed by Senator Joseph R. Mc Carthy. While before this Committee, the subject stated she had "never heard anybody anywhere under any circumstances" advocate overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence. The subject stated she does not think the Communist Party is dedicated to that aim.

The subject testified before the Committee of Government Operations of the United States Senate on July 7, 1953, at which time Senator Mc Carthy asked,

"I am asking you the simple question, do you feel that if you gave us an honest, truthful answer as to whether you are a Communist today, that honest, truthful answer would tend to incriminate you?"

The subject answered,

"It might tend to incriminate me."

Mr. MATTHEWS, of the Investigating Committee, asked the subject if she had written any articles for the Communist press such as the "Daily Worker". The subject again took refuge in the fifth amendment. Mr. MATTHEWS then asked the subject if she has participated in the work of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she made a speech in Detroit a few weeks ago under the auspices of the Civil Rights Congress. The subject stated that she does not believe that the Civil Rights Congress is a Communist organization.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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III ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE
SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY

A. Peoples Party of Connecticut

Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{XU} advised that the Peoples Party of Connecticut, nationally known as the Progressive Party, is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{XU} advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on September 19, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant stated that all the speakers spoke about the same old issues, which included peace in Korea now, and unity between "Black and White". The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN, publicly known as the Presidential candidate on the Progressive Party ticket, in the 1952 general election, was the principal speaker. The informant further advised that the subject spoke at this rally, but the informant did not furnish the text of her speech.

Confidential Informants [redacted] ^{XU} and [redacted] ^{XU} verified the subject's attendance at the above function. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{XU} advised that the subject attended a PPC State Convention on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Club, Front Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the subject was one of the main speakers at this convention. The meeting was opened with the singing of the National Anthem, and there was laughter at "the land of the free and the home of the brave". The informant stated that the subject was chosen as a delegate from Connecticut to attend the National Progressive Party Convention at Chicago. These delegates would be sent by the State Central Committee of the Peoples Party of Connecticut. The subject was nominated to run for Congress at this convention and she said that she would put up a good fight as always. She stated that she was the wife of PAUL ROBESON and "as you all know, he is a Communist and a good one, and a good leader".

Confidential Informants [redacted] ^{XU} and [redacted] ^{XU} verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] ^{XU} advised that the subject attended a

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PPC meeting on September 18, 1952 on the corner of Canton and Main Streets, Hartford, Connecticut. The subject spoke at this meeting and made promises of benefits to the people if she were elected on the PPC ticket. According to the informant, BERT GILDEN and JAMES TATE also spoke briefly at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BERT GILDEN was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member. This informant further advised that JAMES TATE was known to the informant as a paid CP organizer in the State of Connecticut.

Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the subject's attendance at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC reception on September 18, 1952 at the Hotel Garde, Hartford. The subject stated during this reception that she had been away from the United States for 12 years and that when she returned to America and became a citizen again, there was nothing in the United States she could vote for until the PPC was born.

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a leaflet published as notice of a PPC meeting to be held on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven. This leaflet reflected that JOHN ABT National legal counselor of the Progressive Party, would analyze the campaign and election results. This leaflet was signed ESLANDA G. ROBESON, as PPC Chairman.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State meeting of the PPC on November 9, 1952 at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that very little took place at this meeting, as all those in attendance were in a poor frame of mind as a result of the sad showing of the Progressive Party in the election.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended

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a PPC rally on August 24, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, Hungerford Street, Hartford. The subject spoke about a recent peace rally at Randall's Island, New York City, and told how her husband, PAUL ROBESON, had a security guard around him of his own choosing. She stated that he had to have his own security guard, as the New York Police would kill him.

[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to the informant as a Communist Party member under the name JOHN THOMAS. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that JOHN MARSALKA mentioned the name of the subject on June 5, 1952 as a possible delegate to the National Convention of the Progressive Party.

JOHN MARSALKA is publicly known as President of the American Slav Congress.

The American Slav Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated on [redacted] that the subject was an ardent worker, a very smart and trustworthy woman, and that the members of the PPC were going to do everything in their power to elect her in the coming election. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was known to the informant as an active Communist Party member.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC picnic on July 27, 1952 at East Berlin, Conn. BERT GILDEN spoke on the poor social conditions of the worker in the United States, and stated that if the Progressive Party could take over the country, such social conditions would improve. Informant said that subject at this picnic spoke along the same lines as GILDEN.

[redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

[redacted] advised that the PPC was distributing a letter from the subject dated August 6, 1952 which reflected that the subject was chairman of the PPC. Informant advised that this letter requested \$1.00 from each recipient, to be used for the PPC. b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC rally and reception for VINCENT HALLINAN on September 18, 1952 in Hartford, Connecticut. The informant stated that the subject advised that if she were brought before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee, she would not admit that she was a Communist. The subject stated that she was not afraid of

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being called before such a committee because she had never signed any cards or any papers. The informant interpreted the subject's remarks as meaning that she may have been, or is currently a Communist Party sympathizer, but is not actually a card-carrying or dues-paying member of the Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a PPC rally on October 25, 1952 at Weaver High School, Hartford, Connecticut. The informant advised that a collection was taken up at this rally to be used by the Progressive Party [redacted]. The informant advised that VINCENT HALLINAN was the main speaker and in his speech he criticized both major political parties. He stated that the Progressive Party had the only answer to peace.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject was Chairman of the PPC as of July 27, 1953.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of the PPC State Central Committee on [redacted] at [redacted]. The informant advised that the subject presided at this session. The informant advised that the main discussion at this meeting concerned an account of the 1953 election.

Confidential Informant [redacted] verified the above information.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a rally sponsored by the Progressive Party in Washington, D.C. which was held in Washington, D.C. sometime in May, 1953. The subject was a speaker at this convention and talked along lines of discrimination and segregation in the United States. She stated that the negro people are carrying on a passive resistance against their oppressors in Africa and Asia and some day they will achieve their goal which is, according to subject, complete freedom.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a Peoples Party meeting on [redacted] at [redacted]. The subject spoke at this meeting on the African people. According to the informant, the subject

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stated that all the African people want is for the white people to get out of Africa and leave them alone. The informant stated that the subject said that the reason for the Mau Mau is to drive the white people out of Africa.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended the National Convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago, Illinois, which was held July 4 through July 6, 1952. The informant stated that the subject was listed as a member of the Platform Committee of this convention. The informant did not furnish any activity participated in by the subject.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended an evening session of the platform hearing of the Progressive Party National Convention on July 3, 1952 at Chicago. The informant did not furnish the agenda of this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a State Convention of the PPC on June 21, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Connecticut. [redacted] did not know the agenda of this meeting.

The June 19, 1952 issue of the "New Haven Register", a daily newspaper published in New Haven, Connecticut, reflects that the subject was nominated as United States representative-at-large at a PPC State Convention which was held on June 18, 1952 at Lithuanian Hall, New Haven, Connecticut. Informant advised that the subject was identified as State Chairman of the PPC in this article.

The September 21, 1952 issue of "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist publication, reflects that the subject spoke at a PPC rally on September 20, 1952 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven. The article did not contain the text of subject's speech.

B. Connecticut Peace Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Connecticut Peace Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a CPC meeting was held on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The subject was elected to the Colonial Affairs Committee of the CPC at this meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject attended a CPC meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New Haven, Connecticut. The informant advised that the principal speaker was Dr. W. E. B. DUBOIS, who spoke on African Colonial Matters. The informant advised that during his talk, DUBOIS defended communism.

LOUIS BUDENZ has identified W. E. B. DUBOIS as a Communist Party member.

The May 3, 1953 issue of the "Bridgeport Herald", a daily newspaper published in Bridgeport, Connecticut, reflected that the subject was a sponsor of the CPC as of that time.

C. Hartford Negro Labor Council

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the Hartford Negro Labor Council is an affiliate of the National Negro Labor Council. Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the National Negro Labor Council is infiltrated and dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that the subject spoke at a meeting of the Hartford Negro Labor Council on [redacted] at [redacted], Hartford. The subject stated that "the Mau Maus in South Africa are doing a wonderful job", and added that "all that the natives of South Africa desire is the land that belongs to them and for the whites to get out of the country". She stated that "the colonial people are going mad because they occasionally find a dead white person, after exploiting the natives for years". She added that the "lily whites all left their land behind and moved into the big cities and the Mau Maus are happy because they had obtained what they want, their land". The subject continued by stating that "the same thing is happening here in the southern part of the United States. If fifteen million negroes could forget themselves and come out fighting, it would be a terrible mess for the lily whites down south and around Mississippi."

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] verified the above information.

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D. National Council of American-Soviet Friendship

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject was elected to the Board of Directors of the NCASF in 1953. The informant advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF at that time.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject was Co-Chairman of the Committee of Women, of the NCASF, as of December 18, 1952.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject was nominated as a member of the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee of the NCASF, as of March 31, 1953.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that the subject was a member of the NCASF as of April 14, 1953.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of unknown reliability, advised that the subject was a member of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, as of April 23, 1952.

E. "The Worker" and "Daily Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily publication.

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F. Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-16 advised that the subject was ~~and~~ the member of the Minute Women for Peace, as of June 26, 1952. b1

~~main w/~~ advised that the Minute Women for Peace is dominated by the Communists and its members are largely Communists, Communist sympathizers, and persons who will always favor the cause of Russia when that cause conflicts with the policies of the United States. b7D

Confidential Informant ~~u~~ advised that the subject was a sponsor of a pamphlet entitled "You Can End The War In Korea Now", as of October 6, 1952.

The informant advised that this pamphlet was published by the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited by the Congressional Committee on UnAmerican Activities statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report #378 on the Communist "peace" offensive, April 25, 1951, original date April 1, 1951, page 51, as an organization which "the Communists established" as "a new instrument for the peace offensive in the United States, and which was heralded by the 'Daily Worker' with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives."

The July 8, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject had become associated with the "New World Review" as editorial consultant on negro and colonial questions at that time. The subject was scheduled to submit a regular monthly feature for the "New World Review", according to this issue of the "Daily Worker". This article further reflected that the subject had been in Soviet Russia on an extended stay.

The name of the publication "New World Review" was changed to "Soviet Russia Today" in March, 1951.

"Soviet Russia Today" has been cited by the Special Committee on UnAmerican Activities report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also

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cited in report June 25, 1942, page 21, as a Communist front.

The August 21, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject was a sponsor of a nationwide peace referendum sponsored by the American Peace Crusade to request immediate cease fire in Korea.

The August 22, 1952 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject attended a peace rally at Randall's Island Stadium in New York City. The article reflected that the subject talked on Imperialism of Wall Street and the spreading of war bases by bankers of Wall Street.

The March 19, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article by the subject addressed to the President of the United States. This article reflected that the subject believed that the United States should recognize the Peoples Republic of China and should end the Korean war immediately.

The May 13, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject and WILLIAM SENTNER, identified by the "Daily Worker" as a UE organizer and a Smith Act victim, would address a rally against "MC CARTHYISM" on June 7, 1953 at the Madison Ballroom, Woodward at Forest Avenue, New York City.

The June 1, 1953 issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject would attend a public hearing on June 4, 1953 and testify in behalf of the wives and families of the 87 Smith Act Victims who have been "branded as subversive" by the Attorney General. The article reflected that this hearing would be held on the next Thursday evening at 306 West 52nd Street, New York City. The article reflected that Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON and Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS would also speak at this rally.

Mrs. ESTHER JACKSON is publicly known as the wife of Dr. JAMES JACKSON, who is publicly known as a functionary of the CP. Mrs. PEGGY DENNIS is publicly known as the wife of EUGENE DENNIS, who is publicly known as a functionary of the Communist Party.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/11/54

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-8032)

SUBJECT: ^{Card U.T.D.}
ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, nee,
Eslanda Cordozo Goode, aka.,
Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson, Essie Robeson
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

✓ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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Essie Robeson

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 1/15/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

SUBJECT: PAUL LEROY ROBESON
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS ✓ c/o Harold McGee22 East 89th Street, New York, New York ✓

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. H. BELMONT. *G.I. R. PAUL ROBESON*
IS - C. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, AN ARTICLE BY COLLEEN
CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER IN THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN,
1/12/54 STATES, "PAUL ROBESON SUPPOSEDLY HAS FINALLY SEEN
THE LIGHT, AND WOULD LIKE TO BREAK WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY.
THE ONLY OBSTACLES ARE HIS WIFE AND HIS COMMUNIST TRAINED
SON, WHO THREATENED TO EXPOSE THE FACT THAT ROBESON WAS A
'SECRET COURIER' BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND COMMUNIST PARTY
IN AMERICA." FILE OF THE NYO REVEALS NO INFORMATION OF
DISSATISFACTION ON PART OF ROBESON, HOWEVER, IT IS NOTED
THAT SUBJECT IS LIVING APART FROM HIS WIFE, ESLANDA ROBESON.
ESLANDA PRESENTLY LIVING WITH SON, PAUL ROBESON, JR., NYC.
IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR [REDACTED] - 67E
INTERVIEW BY NYO. [REDACTED] LETTER WILL BE SUBMITTED TO BUREAU
REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR INTERVIEW.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Mr. Tolson *per*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: Jan. 27, 1954

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON

g [redacted] of Time Magazine, called to advise that they had picked up a tip in the Cholly Knickerbacker column stating that Paul Robeson would quit the Communist Party except that he fears that his wife and son would expose him as a Communist courier. *b7c*

I told [redacted] that obviously we could make no comment.

cc - Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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TO : Director, FBI (100-3-99)
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-25857)

DATE: 1/25/54

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SUBJECT: CP, USA - [REDACTED] b7E (9)
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PAUL ROBESON, wa
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Remyair-tel, 1/12/54, captioned "PAUL ROBESON; IS-C," which reported the following item in CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER'S column in the "New York Journal American:"

"This is a hot one that comes to us from left wing - literally. Paul Robeson, the Communist entertainer, has supposedly finally seen the light, and would like to break with the CP. The only obstacles are his wife and his Communist-trained son, who threatened to expose the fact that Robeson was a 'secret courier' between the Kremlin and the CP in America."

No information has been received by this office indicating defection by PAUL ROBESON from the CP. However, his name is being submitted to the Bureau for its consideration as a person to approach [REDACTED] b7E

BACKGROUNDBirth Data

PAUL ROBESON was born on 4/9/98, at Princeton, N.J.

Marital Status

PAUL ROBESON married ESIANDA GOODE on 8/21/21, at Port Chester, NY, and they have one son, PAUL ROBESON, JR. It has been reported that, at the present time, PAUL ROBESON is not living with his wife.

Nationality and Citizenship

ROBESON is a Negro and is a citizen of the US.

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Education

ROBESON graduated from Rutgers College in 1919 with a BA degree, and he received a Law degree in 1923 from Columbia University. At college he came into prominence in 1948, when he was selected by WALTER CAMP, as a member of the 1918 All American Football Team.

Employment

PAUL ROBESON is a concert singer and actor. In 1925 he gave his first concert and, since that date, has gained international fame as a singer. He travels throughout the country on his concert tours and appears as guest artist at numerous Communist-sponsored functions. He is also employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs and is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. Both of these organizations are located at 53 W. 125th St., NYC.

Residence

PAUL ROBESON resides at 22 E. 89th Street, in care of HAROLD MC GEE. ROBESON receives his mail at this address and is reported to reside there at irregular intervals. [REDACTED] has advised that ROBESON is out of town most of the time, but does stay at that address when in NY. It has been reported that ROBESON is estranged from his wife and son, and they have sold their home in Connecticut. n.y.
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CP Affiliations

In April, 1944, it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was a member of the CP Political Association under the name JOHN THOMAS. It was reported that in 1948 ROBESON refused to testify before a Congressional Committee as to whether or not he was a Communist. However, various informants have reported that ROBESON has been a member of the CP for many years. ROBESON has been associated with numerous CP front organizations and, over the years, has been a favorite guest artist at Communist sponsored conferences.

In the August, 1936 issue of "Soviet Russia Today," ROBESON is quoted as having said "The Soviet Union is the only country I've ever been in where I've felt completely at ease. I've lived in England and America and I almost circled the globe - but for myself, wife, and son the Soviet Union is our future home. For awhile, however, I wouldn't feel right going

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"there to live. By singing its praises wherever I go, I think I can be of most value to it. It's too easy to go to the Soviet Union, breath free air, and live happily ever afterwards."

In an interview with ROBESON quoted in the "British Daily Worker," on 4/18/49, ROBESON was quoted as saying that he loved what he found in Russia, and that until the war he returned there every year. He further stated that in Moscow he had studied Marxism and had found it "enthraling."

ROBESON'S son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., was educated in Moscow, and it was reported that his wife had two brothers living in Moscow. ROBESON has been observed marching in numerous May Day Parades in NYC. During the trial of the 11 members of the National Board of the CP, USA, ROBESON on 1/23/49 attended the trial and shook hands with the defendants. He was quoted as saying, "I came here too, as I too am on trial."

In April, 1949 at a concert given by ROBESON in Stockholm, Sweden, the affair turned into a political row when ROBESON sang the Russian anthem. In 1949, ROBESON received considerable publicity in connection with the public riot at Peekskill, which took place at a concert given by ROBESON.

In 1952, PAUL ROBESON was awarded the Stalin Peace Prize, on the 83rd birthday of the Soviet Premier. This award by the Soviet Union also gave ROBESON \$25,000.00 in connection with it. This award to ROBESON was publicized in a booklet entitled, "Negro History Week, 1953," prepared by the Education Department of the NY State CP. ROBESON spoke at a rally for STEVE NELSON on 3/6/53, held at Rockland Palace, NYC. ROBESON sang and spoke at this rally and, during his praise of STEVE NELSON, he was quoted as saying in part "the Soviet Union is fighting for the people of the world and for the freedom and dignity of all men."

ROBESON continues to be active as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, an organization designated by the Attorney General of the US pursuant to Executive Order 10450. He also is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom," a monthly publication of Freedom Associates. It has been reported that members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of Freedom Associates are Communists active in racial matters. ROBESON has been involved in litigations with the State Department as a result of the latter's refusal to issue him a passport.

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On [REDACTED] it was reported that PAUL ROBESON was among those invited to a dinner to be given by ANDRE VISHINSKY. On 11/7/52, ROBESON had attended the Soviet Embassy reception commemorating "The October Revolution." On 12/14/53 it was reported that, early in December, 1953, ROBESON was in a hospital in Washington, D.C., for a rest cure. It has been reported that ROBESON is suffering from a heart ailment. b7D

On 7/7/53, a special reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held in Chicago, under the auspices of the CP Committee of the United Public Workers of America - CIO, District # 1. It has been reported that ROBESON is a life member of the UPWA. The UPWA was reported to have been ousted by the CIO because of its Communist infiltration.

The name of PAUL ROBESON is included in the Security Index.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The Bureau is requested for authority to contact PAUL ROBESON, in accordance with existing Bureau instructions [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] It is contemplated that such an interview will be conducted during the week of February 8, 1954 or soon thereafter, as circumstances permit.

SAC, New York (100-25857)(134-80)

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Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-12304)

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Reurlet January 25, 1954.

In view of the subject's background and insufficient information indicating a contact with him should be made at this time, authority to approach Paul Robeson [REDACTED] is denied.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 12, 1954

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-33120)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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On [redacted] furnished the following information to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

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Informant attended a PAUL ROBESON concert on January 31, 1954 at the Calilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Ave., Newark, N. J. The church was filled to capacity, with the informant estimating about 1,000 persons in attendance. There were no speeches, no literature, and no political implication to the concert. The only speaker was Rev. CLARK, Pastor of instant church, who introduced ROBESON and the latter's accompanist.

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[redacted] JOHN GRAY, [redacted]

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is now engaged, apparently on a full-time basis,

cc/ (7) New York
cc/ (1) 100-38808
cc/ (1) 100-38814
cc/ (1) 100-27867
cc/ (1) 100-32013
cc/ (1) [redacted]
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as an agent for ROBESON. [REDACTED] he resides in New York City, is located at "Freedom", and that his wife, HAZEL, is presently employed at the United Packing House Workers office in Camden, N. J. [REDACTED] HAZEL commutes to New York City on week-ends. Informant was unable to obtain any further information regarding JOHN and HAZEL GRAY.

[REDACTED] GEORGE MURPHY and LOE BURNHAM, are also part of ROBESON's traveling party.

[REDACTED] MURPHY and BURNHAM had been assigned by the CP in 1950 to give "political guidance" to PAUL ROBESON. [REDACTED] this meant the control and direction of ROBESON's activities to conform with the desires of the CP and to insure that there was no deviation on his part. [REDACTED] MURPHY has long been a close associate of ROBESON.

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Informant stated that ROBESON, while in Newark for a concert, was chauffeured by WILLIAM RIX [REDACTED] an Organizer for the United Packing House Workers in New York City. [REDACTED]

Informant was unable to furnish any further information concerning the above at this time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that through a pretext, it was learned that HAZEL GRAY is employed by the UPWA - CIO, District 6, 33 Arch St., Camden, N. J.

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Instant letter also stated that JOHN MATTHEW GRAY, husband of HAZEL, has been employed for about a year and a half as "advance agent" for PAUL ROBESON. While he and his wife have maintained a residence at 3334 West Grenshaw, Chicago, during this time, GRAY has traveled extensively and has resided in Chicago only for short periods.

Chicago has been advised of the above information furnished by [redacted] by separate communication. b1

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TO : Director, FBI (100-12304)

DATE: 2/10/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-56680)

SUBJECT: ESIANDA CONDOZO ROBESON, was.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions, New World Review, Suite
201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City

KEY FACILITY DATA:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 25, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO

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(WFO 100-16597)APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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DATE 7-30-81

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The New York Office should be guided by suggestions and instructions contained in No Number SAC Letter, AF Series, 1952, dated October 22, 1952, and captioned, "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS - DOUBLE AGENT PROGRAM," which are pertinent to investigations of this type. (u)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/54

FROM : SAC, Newark (100-33129)

SUBJECT: PAUL ROBESON
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

On [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA'S [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JOHN GRAY, [REDACTED] has been given the party job of watching over PAUL ROBESON and seeing that he is led along the right political track

[REDACTED] discrimination against Negroes in public interstate transportation [REDACTED] apparently at one time was given high priority, but now the Party seemed to be turning from this and is shifting to a political struggle in connection with the Newark Council race with the further idea of building a strong machine so that they can enter a candidate in the Congressional race in the fall. He stated that the Party has somewhat abandoned the race struggle

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE MAR 31 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/23-26; 3/17, 18/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE ESLANDA CORDOZO ROBESON, was: Eslanda Cordoze Goode, Mrs. Paul Leroy Robeson Essie Robeson			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS: <p>Subject resides at 408 West 128th Street, NYC, and employed as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions for "New World Review," 23 West 26th Street, NYC. According to informants, ROBESON has attended and spoken at numerous meetings of CP front groups and has associated with CP members. Attended Soviet Embassy reception, Washington, D.C. on 11/7/52. Attended Progressive Party National Committee meeting, NYC, on 1/16-17/54. Review of activities set forth.</p>			APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF Class DATE 7-3-81 WAA
AGENCY RAB REQ. REC'D 4-9-54 DATE FORW. 4-13-54 HOW FORW. RM BY [REDACTED]			AGENCY cc - State REQ. REC'D 5-7-54 DATE FORW. 5-18-54 HOW FORW. RM BY [REDACTED]
DETAILS: <p>All informants of this report are of known reliability unless otherwise specified.</p> <p><u>I. BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>A. Residence</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] of unknown reliability, but aware of subject's residence, advised ESLANDA ROBESON is residing with her son, PAUL ROBESON, JR., at 408 West 128th Street, New York City.</p>			
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B. Employment

According to [redacted] 44 ESLANDA ROBESON has remained in the background since moving to New York, and has not entered into any new activities. ROBESON continues to write articles for "New World Review" located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The January, 1954 issue of "New World Review" lists ESLANDA ROBESON as Editorial Consultant on Negro and Colonial Questions.

[redacted] 44 advised ESLANDA ROBESON is receiving mail in care of "New World Review," Suite 201, 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 8, 1952, page 7, columns 1-3, states, "With the July issue, Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON, distinguished anthropologist and author, becomes associated with 'New World Review' as editorial consultant on Negro and colonial questions, a statement in the current issue of 'New World Review' announces. The magazine is devoted to the countries of the 'new world' - the Soviet Union, China, the People's Democracies of Eastern Europe, the colonial peoples - and the growing movement for peace."

"'Soviet Russia Today' is among the 'more important' Communist-front organizations 'for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 169.)"

[redacted] 44 stated on [redacted] that "Soviet Russia Today" is a Communist Party activity and the magazine is on sale at all Communist bookshops and Communist Party section organizations.

[redacted] 44 advised in January, 1951 that the publication "Soviet Russia Today" would change its name to "New World Review," but the purpose of the publication and its officers would remain the same and would be published by Soviet Russia Today Publications, Incorporated.

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II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

[REDACTED] advised a meeting which was held at the Centennial Christian Church, Aubert at Fountain Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 13, 1950, was addressed by ESLANDA ROBESON under the auspices of the Division of World Work of the Centennial Christian Church. The subject of ROBESON's talk was a report on the Women's International Democratic Federation Council held in Moscow and Peking, attended by her. According to the informant, this meeting was afforded considerable publicity by the Communist dominated Progressive Party of Missouri, the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and the St. Louis Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. This meeting was attended by approximately 150 to 200 persons, and a large number of Communist Party members were observed in this number. b7D

"The Women's International Democratic Federation was cited as a Communist front 'which was founded and supported at all times by the International Communist movement.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the Congress of American Women, House Report No. 1953, April 26, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949)."

[REDACTED] of unknown reliability, has advised that the above organization is completely dominated by the World Communist Movement. The Women's International Democratic Federation is the parent organization for, and controls the Congress of American Women. b7D

The Congress of American Women has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The September, 1948 issue of "Political Affairs," which identifies itself as a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism, contains on page 943 the election platform of the Communist Party, which is set out in part as follows:

"....The New Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, democracy and Fascism, security and poverty."

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist-front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report No. 1954, April 19, 1949.

[REDACTED] advised ESLANDA ROBESON is a member of the Communist Party. According to [REDACTED] ROBESON has spoken at Communist Party sponsored meetings and was a delegate to the International Women's Congress in 1949.

[REDACTED] furnished a receipt of the "Daily Worker" and the Sunday "Worker" dated May 28, 1951 for \$8.75 made out to Mrs. PAUL ROBESON.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1952, page 8, columns 1 and 2, states, "A conference on 'Political Action for Equal Rights-Equal Justice' will take place in Brooklyn at the Hotel St. George Roof Sunday at 1:30 PM. The conference, which will plan a program in defense of equal rights for the Negro and Puerto Rican people, is sponsored by the Kings County American Labor Party.

"Mrs. ESLANDA ROBESON and Dr. ALPHEUS HUNTON will speak on 'The Fight for Freedom of the African and other Colonial Peoples - Its Meaning to the People of the United States.'"

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party, and that it is regarded as a political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote in the American Labor Party.

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[REDACTED] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is a Communist. He attended the Marxist Institute of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the term 1948 to 1949. NY

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b7C b7D

[REDACTED] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is known to him as a Communist. NY

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ALPHAEUS HUNTON is Secretary of the Council on African Affairs, which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RELIABILITY
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised Mrs. PAUL ROBESON, SR. attended a Soviet Embassy reception in Washington, D.C. on November 7, 1952, commemorating the October Revolution. b7D

According to [REDACTED] ESLANDA ROBESON wrote upon STALIN's death:

"On Stalin's Death

"JOSEF STALIN is dead. May he rest in peace and honor.

"He will live in history. He will live in the minds and hearts of billions of people who are infinitely better off because he and his comrades - together with

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"the Russian People - studied, worked, fought, sacrificed and endured to build the Soviet system, to translate their ideas and ideals into living practicing reality.

"As a woman and a Negro, I am one of those billions of people who are infinitely better off, and therefore I salute JOSEF STALIN, his comrades, the Russian People, and the Soviet system, and I say: Thank you.

"The Russian People, under the wise and brilliant leadership of LENIN and STALIN and their co-workers, have brought Russia up from obscurity to the position of Number One (or at the very least the Number Two) Nation in the world. They have also helped to bring the small nations of Eastern Europe out of obscurity into dignified participation in world affairs. They have also laid it down, spelled it out, and proved it to be a fact-of-life that human beings are not inferior nor superior because of sex, color, religion, national origin and previous condition.

"I must say I was dismayed, embarrassed, and saddened by the behavior of some of our American leaders on the occasion of STALIN's death. No dignity, no manners, no ordinary decent human courtesy and respect.

"In all my studies of anthropology I have never come across a people - any people - who did not behave with some dignity toward the dead.

"Some of our leaders behaved like vultures, circling overhead, as vultures do, waiting to wheel down and pick a carcass. They refuse to understand that there is no carcass, that STALIN was part of a Whole; the Leader, yes, but definitely part of the whole Russian People and the Soviet system. The Russian People developed STALIN, and he in turn, together with his comrades, developed the Russian People and the Russian State. The vultures will have to look elsewhere for prey.

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"And I say, respectfully, to these sorrowing Soviet People, do not grieve for STALIN. Be glad and proud and grateful that you could and did produce and develop such a leader, that he lived a long and useful life with you, that he lived to see the success of the ideas and ideals he, together with you all, translated into living working reality so quickly.

"If there were a way to fly a flag - not at half mast, but above the mast, - I would fly it so in honor and tribute and gratitude to STALIN."

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[redacted] advised a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party, Cleveland, Ohio, was held on [redacted] at which meeting invitations were given to several persons concerning a luncheon in honor of ESKANDA ROBESON to be given by Freedom Associates at York Mason's Hall, 135-12 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 19, 1953. ←
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Freedom Associates, located at 53 West 125th Street, New York City, has chapters located in various cities in the eastern half of the United States. This organization issues a monthly publication called "Freedom".

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[redacted] advised that the members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board of "Freedom" are Communists who are active in racial matters.

III. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE
SUBJECT INDICATING FURTHERANCE
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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[redacted] advised a Peace and Democracy Rally was held at the St. Paul Baptist Church, 1938 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana, on October 7, 1949, and was sponsored by the St. Paul Baptist Church and the Progressive Party. This rally featured Mrs. PAUL ROBESON who spoke on the Peekskill Affair.

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[redacted] advised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the ←

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vicinity of Peekskill, New York, were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

It is to be noted that PAUL ROBESON is the husband of ESLANDA ROBESON.

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[redacted] advised that PAUL ROBESON was in close contact from 1937 to January, 1948 with WILLIAM Z. POSTER, EUGENE DENNIS, HENRY WINSTON and BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., members of the National Committee of the Communist Party. b7D

ROBESON was also in close contact with EARL BROWDER, General Secretary of the Communist Party for a period following 1937.

[redacted] advised that during the 1930's PAUL ROBESON served as a confidential courier for the Communist Party in the Caribbean area. Upon his return to the United States from concert tours, he would report to Communist Party Headquarters. b7C
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[redacted] advised a "Rally for China" held on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City, was sponsored by the Council on African Affairs. ROBESON began her talk at this rally by telling what a wonderful country Russia was and how the Chinese people welcomed her as an American who was in sympathy with the Chinese people's cause. She praised the African people in their fight for freedom against opposition by the English, Dutch and American Governments, and that the purpose for which she entered on this tour was to bring back to the American Progressive people the truth as she saw it in China, Russia and particularly Africa. b7C
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[redacted] advised that ROBESON attended a meeting sponsored by the Peace Information Center at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]. According to the informant, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Korean war, the Far East and world peace.

The Peace Information Center has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised subject attended and spoke at a meeting of the Labor Youth League, Harlem Section, held at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted].

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on August 8, 1950 that subject was listed as co-chairman of the American Women for Peace.

[redacted] advised on March 2, 1951 that the American Women for Peace is strongly influenced and infiltrated by the Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that the Communist Party members [redacted] New York in November, 1950 were instructed by their officers to support the American Women for Peace delegation to the United Nations, November 30, 1950.

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke at a conference sponsored by the China Key to World Peace Committee at the Hotel Brevoort, 8th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on November 11, 1950. The theme of this conference was Peace in Korea.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended an "Educational Conference" on the question of "How To Avoid War and Make Peace" at the Hotel Brevoort,

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New York City, on March 3, 1951 sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on the awakening of the colonial people. She said that the people of Asia and Africa - the colonial people all over the world are engaged in a struggle for economic and racial equality. She stated that the colonial world is in a revolution for freedom and independence; that the Soviet Union, China and the countries of the peoples' democracies are serving the cause of inspiration in the march of the colonial people to freedom and independence.

"Mrs. ROBESON spoke about the economic and political inequality of the people of Africa and she underlined that the war in Korea is only one part of the revolution which is enveloping the colonial people of the world; that the U. S. is trying to halt this revolution through the might of dollars, the atomic bomb and with arming the reactionary world. She predicted that the U.S. will fail in this reactionary mission because the people are just tired of being slaves. They want freedom and they are going to get it."

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

██████████ advised subject made a speech after the showing of a film at the Jefferson School of Social Science on ██████████

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

██████████ and ██████████ advised ESLANDA ROBESON was a speaker at a dinner in honor of WILLIAM L. PATTERSON at the Central Plaza Hotel, 111 Second Avenue, New York City, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress.

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The February, 1951 issue of "Masses and Main Stream," a Communist Party quarterly publication, contained an article by MICHAEL GOLD entitled "WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Militant Leader". In this article PATTERSON is quoted as saying: "I joined the Communist Party and went down to the International Labor Defense and offered them my life."

[redacted] advised subject attended a meeting of the Peace Festival of American Women for Peace on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 24, 1951, page 2, column 1, lists ESLANDA ROBESON as a speaker for a reception for the Families of the Smith Act Victims to be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, on September 26, 1951.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised a reception was held on September 26, 1951 at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City, sponsored by the Families of the Smith Act Victims. According to [redacted] ROBESON spoke and had as her theme that she was a member of various families which she learned about as she was growing up. First, she learned of a negro family after she had thought she was at first just a member of the "good GORDOZA" family. Next, as she grew up, she found she was a member of the American family; next of the African family, and finally of the freedom family. She explained that latter family by remarking that near her home in Massachusetts was a photographer who had come forward to put up bail for one of the recent seventeen Communists. He is also a member. To be a member of this family, you have to fight.

[redacted] advised on August 26, 1952 that the Families of the Smith Act Victims is an organization which is devoted to the collection of funds for the benefit of families prosecuted under the Smith Act.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of June 3, 1953, page 5, column 2, carried an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which states that the Families of the Smith Act Victims was set up in 1951 for those who had been arrested under the Smith Act in New York City. Later, following other arrests, Family Committees were set up in Los Angeles, Baltimore, Seattle, St. Louis and Detroit. According to this article, the purpose of this organization is to give mutual aid and protection for families and help to the prisoners.

██████████ advised ROBESON spoke at a meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship held on October 27, 1951 at the Brevoort Hotel, New York City.

██████████ advised the Eastern Seaboard Conference of the Sojourners for Truth and Justice met with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women for a luncheon at the YMCA, 180 West 135th Street, New York City, on March 23, 1952. According to ██████████ this luncheon was attended by ESLANDA ROBESON.

██████████ advised on May 29, 1952 that the Sojourners for Truth and Justice was organized in September, 1951 by an Initiating Committee composed of fourteen negro women. According to ██████████ the stated aims and objectives of this organization are as follows:

1. To fight discrimination, mob rule, Jim Crowism in the Armed Forces and lynch justice.
2. To advocate passage of anti-poll tax, anti-lynch law, and fair employment practice legislation.
3. To work for the release from prison of ROSA LEE INGRAM.
4. To work for conferences with other nations to attain world peace.

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5. Demand a stop to the persecution of the Negroes.

[REDACTED] advised that the officers of this organization are either members of the Communist Party or Communist Party front organizations. According to T-13, the Sojourners for Truth and Justice follow the Communist Party line.

[REDACTED] advised that the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order had a women's section known as the Emma Lazarus Division. The "Morning Freiheit," an East Coast Communist Yiddish language daily newspaper, on January 25, 1951 reported that a National Conference on January 20-21, 1951 of the Emma Lazarus Division, adopted a new constitution and changed its name to the Federation of Emma Lazarus Jewish Womens Clubs.

The Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order and the International Workers Order have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke at the "Peace Under the Stars" rally held at Tri-Boro Stadium, New York City, on August 20, 1952, which was sponsored by the New York Peace Institute.

ROBESON gave a political speech on behalf of the Progressive Party. She said that both other parties said of the other that it was THE War Party. And, that she regretted to say that BOTH OF THEM ARE RIGHT: That the only peace party is the Progressive Party. She said that at their Convention, there was a terrific demand for peace, contrary to the column of I. F. STONE of the "New York Compass" newspaper.

She said that while Wall Street wanted war, and wanted to launch their imperialistic war aggressively, the pressure of the people was stopping them. She pointed out that they had had to cut their planned number of divisions because of this.

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She called on the USA Warmakers to end the war in Korea today; to stop the cruel bombings, the Napalm Bombs and throw all the Jellied Gas in the ocean. She also said the peoples would have to force the Wall Street forces to stop their aid of the British and French in their Imperialistic fighting.

She said that the people everywhere, especially in the Colonial Countries, were now actively fighting for peace.

According to the "Daily Worker" of May 13, 1951, page 1, columns 1 and 2, the New York Peace Institute held its first session on April 19, 1951, at which meeting the delegates voted to set up the New York Peace Institute as a permanent "center" for peace activities in New York State to help win world peace.

██████████ has advised that the Headquarters of the New York Peace Institute is located at 125 West 72nd Street, New York City, in the same office as the American Peace Crusade. ██████████ stated that although the New York Peace Institute does not publicly admit any connection with the American Peace Crusade, it is in fact a group concerned entirely with furthering programs of the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been cited as an organization which "the Communists established as a new instrument for their 'peace' offensive in the United States and which was heralded by the 'Daily Worker' with the usual bold headlines reserved for projects in line with the Communist objectives. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, statement issued on the March of Treason, February 19, 1951, and House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 1, 1951, page 51.)"

██████████ and ██████████ advised the American Peace Crusade was organized in February, 1951, under the direction of FRED FINE, Secretary of the Public Affairs Department of the Communist Party, USA. ██████████ advised

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that FINE instructed that hundreds of "Peace Committees be organized throughout the country for the purpose of bringing back the American troops from Korea."

~~UNKNOWN RELIABILITY~~
[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a demonstration at Rockland Palace, 155th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City, on November 28, 1952, in support of the African Resistance movement.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 11, 1953 states political and educational leaders will pay tribute to the achievements of JOSEPH STALIN at a memorial meeting at the Jefferson School of Social Science Sunday evening. ESLANDA ROBESON was listed as a speaker.

[redacted] advised subject attended a lecture sponsored by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted]

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a Progressive Party State Convention held at 2205 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, on April 19, 1953.

[redacted] advised subject spoke at a Progressive Party affair held on April 18, 1953 at 2014 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by the Fourth Congressional District of the Progressive Party.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON spoke on [redacted] at a Civil Rights Congress meeting sponsored by the Committee of One Hundred, at the [redacted], Detroit, Michigan.

According to [redacted] ROBESON made no specific reference to Communism, but characterized America as the main body of imperialism. Subject's remarks referred to Africa, Peace and Civil Rights, Korea, and generally followed the "Daily Worker" line.

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On June 12, 1950 [redacted] advised that the International Workers Order had formed the Committee of One Hundred, 147 Fourth Avenue, New York City. According to [redacted] the Committee of One Hundred was organized at the instigation of the General Council of the International Workers Order for the purpose of taking action to support the defense activities of the International Workers Order.

[redacted] advised subject spoke on mannerisms, culture, manner of dress, education, and wealth of Africa at a Freedom Associates meeting on [redacted] at [redacted] New York City.

According to [redacted] and [redacted] the subject attended a meeting of Freedom Associates on [redacted] at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] advised ROBESON attended a meeting at [redacted] New York City, on [redacted] which reported on the World Congress in Defense of the Rights of Women held in Denmark in June, 1953. b7D

According to [redacted] ROBESON attended a rally "In Defense of the Right to Read" held on December 11, 1953 at the Manhattan Towers, Broadway and 76th Street, New York City, which was sponsored by the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

ROBESON told of her run-in with Senator McCARTHY and stated she was surprised and happy to hear that her books were on the shelves overseas. ROBESON said she was not asked if she was a Communist sympathizer by McCARTHY, but added "I am."

[redacted] advised ESLANDA ROBESON attended a "send-off" party sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress and given for the delegates participating in the delegation traveling to Atlanta, Georgia as part of the campaign for the freedom of ROSA LEE INGRAM. This party was held at [redacted] New York City.

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It is to be noted that ROSA LEE INGRAM is presently serving time in Atlanta, Georgia. The Civil Rights Congress is attempting to seek her freedom.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised subject attended the "McCarthy Trial" held at the St. Nicholas Arena, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City, on January 6, 1954, sponsored by the Trade Union Veterans Committee.

According to [redacted] ROBESON condemned McCARTHY for his threat and intimidations of people in all walks of life, the methods he uses and what effect it has had and will continue to have if he is not stopped now. The Negro People, Labor Unions, the arts, the sciences, all have felt his Nazi-like investigations, and all this with the stamp of approval of the present administration. This war-monger, murderer of innocent people, must be brought to justice by the American people who alone can judge him for what he is worth. This meeting will go down in history as having incited a move which will eventually wipe out McCarthyism.

[redacted] furnished a pamphlet entitled "Trade Union Veterans Committee" addressed to the Civil Rights Congress which states, "A group of trade unionists who are World War II and Korean war veterans are holding a public trial of Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY, Wednesday, January 6, 1954, at St. Nicholas Arena. The purpose of this trial is to expose the evil of McCarthyism as well as McCarthy's record of political and moral corruption. This trial will also bring to light McCarthy's association with pro-Nazi and Big Business groups. This trial, in our opinion, will help to mobilize the struggle against the anti-labor forces who are running rampant in our country. It will show that McCarthyism has become the chief weapon of reaction in its efforts to destroy the democratic and civil liberties of American labor and the people."

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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ROBESON employed as Chairman of the Council on African Affairs, Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom", and self-employed as a concert singer. Resides at 22 East 89th St., NYC in care of HAROLD MC GEE. Attended Annual Rally of National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, 11/12/53; 3rd Annual Convention of the National Negro Labor Council in Chicago, 12/4, 5, 6/53; Progressive Party National Committee meeting, 1/16/54; National Convention "Jamboree" of Labor Youth League, 2/19/54; ALP meeting, 2/24/54; 10th Anniversary Dinner of Jefferson School of Social Science, 3/5/54 and the May Day demonstration, 5/1/54. Cultural salute to ROBESON held on 5/26/54.

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[redacted] advised that the subject maintains his residence at 22 East 89th Street, New York City, in care of HAROLD MC GEE and continues to receive his mail at this address.

EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON is Chairman of the Editorial Board of "Freedom" and also Chairman of the Council on African Affairs. Both of these organizations are located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City.

[redacted] advised that "Freedom" is a monthly publication of Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City. According to [redacted] members of the Editorial Staff and Editorial Board are Communist, active in racial matters. PAUL ROBESON, LOUIS E. BURNHAM and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR. were active in organizing the publication. b7D

The Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised that a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the University of Chicago, Mandel Hall, on May 8, 1954. According to [redacted] this was a conservative concert with no speeches.

[redacted] advised a PAUL ROBESON concert was held at the Galilee Baptist Church, 148 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey on January 31, 1954.

ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON ^{was} scheduled to open the mass rally of the Convention of a National Negro Labor Council to be held in Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 5 and 6, 1953.

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The National Negro Labor Council has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised ROBESON attended the Annual Rally of the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship on November 12, 1953 at the Hotel Capitol's Carnival room, New York City in honor of the 20th anniversary of the founding of diplomatic relations between the United States and the USSR, and the 36th anniversary of the founding of a Soviet State.

According to [redacted] ROBESON stated, "It is a privilege to be here. An attack on the USSR is really an attack on the people. We must follow in the tradition of JEFFERSON and DOUGLAS. The struggle becomes fiercer. There is no retreat until the Smith Act is repealed or until BOB THOMPSON walks out of jail. Liberals must become allies of peace or perish. We who are living in this great time must preserve freedom and the dignity of man."

The National Council of American - Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ROBERT THOMPSON has been convicted for violation of the Smith Act, 1940 and is presently serving time. THOMPSON convicted in October, 1949, US District Court, Southern District of

[redacted] advised a "Peoples Conference to Fight the MC CARRAN Law Prosecutions and MC CARTHYISM" was held at the Yugoslav - American Home, New York City on October 24, 1953 under sponsorship of the Civil Rights Congress.

According to [redacted] a message from PAUL ROBESON was read to the Conference which called upon the Progressives to mobilize the people in the fight against the MC CARRAN Law and MC CARTHYISM which are leading this nation and the whole world to war. The message stated that the Negro people will fight against reaction and for civil liberties. ROBESON advocated, "We must remove the DULLES and the MC CARTHYS from the path and march on to freedom and peace."

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~NY~~ advised ROBESON was presented with the International STALIN Peace Prize on September 23, 1953 at the Hotel Theresa, 125th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, which consisted of an award and a promise of \$25,000.

~~NY~~ and ~~NY~~ advised ROBESON stated he finally received the \$25,000 he had coming from Russia.

~~NY~~ advised ROBESON attended the 3rd Annual Convention of National Negro Labor Council, held at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 5 and 6, 1953.

The "Daily Worker" issue of December 24, 1953, page 5, column 3, reflects an article entitled, "On the Way", which states, "The enemies of culture and of peace have killed PAUL ROBESON a hundred times. Not only have they sought to kill his art and still his voice, they once attempted to murder him physically. That was at Peekskill, where officially-sanctioned storm troopers carried through an orgy of violence against men, women and children concert-goers in the late summer of 1949. But ROBESON lives and lives, and sings and sings." b7D

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

~~NY~~ advised that the Peekskill disorders of August 27, 1949 and September 9, 1949 in the vicinity of Peekskill, New York were the outgrowth of concerts given by singer PAUL ROBESON. The informant stated that the concerts were held under the auspices of the Harlem Division of the Civil Rights Congress.

~~NY~~ advised ROBESON attended a dance of the Labor Youth League (LYL) held at Rockland Palace, New York City on December 18, 1953.

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~~NY~~ advised ROBESON spoke at a session of the Convention of the National Negro Labor Council at the Pershing Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 1953. ROBESON stated that he had willingly deserted a career that had brought him wealth and fame in order to fight against JIM CROW and discrimination. ROBESON stated that he would not be frightened or turned from this course. He stated that the men who run this country are steadily leading us toward war. The oppression of the Negro people today has sharpened more than ever before and that the National Negro Labor Council stands as one of the strongest bulwarks in this country for peace and equality. ROBESON concluded his remarks by calling upon Negro and white youth to march side by side in the fight to create a new and better world. b7D

~~NY~~ advised ROBESON attended and spoke at the Progressive Party National Committee meeting held at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 311 West 23rd Street, New York City on January 16, 1954. b7D

The September, 1948 issue of "Political Affairs" which identifies itself as a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism, contains on page 943 the election platform of the CP, which is set out in part as follows:

"...The new Progressive Party is an inescapable historic necessity for millions who want a real choice between peace and war, Democracy and Fascism, security and poverty."

The "Daily Worker" issue of February 2, 1954, page 3, column 1, reflects the following article entitled, "ROBESON Called Jefferson School Drive for Students a Must."

This article states, "All who cherish peace and freedom in our land should rally now to build and defend

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the Jefferson School, declared PAUL ROBESON in a statement issued here yesterday...We have learned through the years to be mighty proud of the Jefferson School. We have seen the clarity it brings to the American people translated into hard-fighting practice and struggles for peace, for trade union unity, for Negro rights, for intellectual freedom; and never before has the work of this school been more needed than in these fateful days of 1954."

The Jefferson School has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ advised ROBESON attended the Labor Youth League National Convention "Jamboree" held at Hunts Point Place, Bronx, New York on February 19, 1954.

ROBESON stated in a speech at this "Jamboree" that he was "honored to be here for he has always been close to youth." ROBESON stated that youth set an example in the fight for peace and declared that he would fight reaction until he was no longer a "second-class citizen" and urged the youth to fight for peace and unity. ROBESON further stated "hands off Indo China and Guatemala and freedom for Puerto Rico."

~~_____~~ advised that a PAUL ROBESON reception was held at Reverend HILL's Church, Detroit, Michigan on November 16, 1953. ~~_____~~ noted that the audience which nearly filled the church was almost without exception Communist Party members. After singing several songs, ROBESON spoke of a struggle of the African people to throw off the yoke of oppression. ROBESON stated that he considered it a great accomplishment for his race when he was able to convince Premier NEHRU of India that the Hindu people should join forces with the native Africans in a common struggle against their exploiters and oppressors. A record from one of ROBESON's albums was presented as a reward to each of those individuals who helped organize the gathering.

~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ advised ROBESON attended a rally

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in defense of Guatemala sponsored by the Provisional Committee on Latin - American Affairs at Manhattan Plaza, 66 East 44th Street, New York City on March 12, 1954. ←

On [REDACTED] advised that the Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs had been established to acquaint Americans with the real facts about the Guatemalan crisis. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that on March 9, 1954 RICHARD GREENSPAN was acting secretary of this Committee.

[REDACTED] has advised that RICHARD GREENSPAN is a member of the Communist Party, United States of America and of the Commission on Latin - American Affairs of the Communist Party, United States of America. U.S.

[REDACTED] advised that the American Labor Party in the garment center held a rally on February 24, 1954 at the Yugoslav - American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City, which was attended by PAUL ROBESON. PAUL ROBESON gave a resume of the history of the Negro in the United States of America and stated the Negroes are on the move all over the world. Negroes in Africa are fighting for their freedom and are inspired by Red China and their victories. Mr. DULLES, who is going to the Inter-American Conference, does not represent the real America; we are the real Americans. ROBESON further stated since his father came from North Carolina, and himself and his son have come from the soil of this United States of America, and he is going to make a place for himself in this United States of America and no one has the right to tell him who he must choose as his friends, domestic or international. ROBESON sang several songs of which a few were sung in Russian. ←

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party and that it is regarded as the political obligation of every Communist Party member in New York State to enroll and vote in the American Labor Party. b7C
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According to [REDACTED] ROBESON attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner of the Jefferson School of Social Science held on March 5, 1954 at the Hotel Mc Alpin, New York City.

[REDACTED] advised PAUL ROBESON attended a reception held in honor of HOWARD FAST at the Hotel Mc Alpin, New York City on April 22, 1954. HOWARD FAST was presented with the STALIN International Peace Prize at this reception.

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that HOWARD FAST is a member of the Communist Party.

SA [REDACTED] attended a rally of the International Workers Order (IWO) at Chateau Gardens, Houston Street and Second Avenue, New York City on February 22, 1954 and observed PAUL ROBESON in attendance.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to [REDACTED] the 32nd anniversary of the "Morning Freiheit" was celebrated at Town Hall, 150 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 3, 1954. According to [REDACTED] PAUL ROBESON attended this celebration.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 13, 1943, page 6, columns 4-6, stated, "that the National Council of Jewish Communists advised on January 12, 1943, that it had dissolved itself and that the editorial and political control of the 'Morning Freiheit' passed from the National Council of Jewish Communists to the Morning Freiheit Association on January 11, 1943."

Instant article stated, "...Furthermore, it was recognized by the National Council that the liberation of the projected plan would enable the Jewish Communists by collaborating with known Communists to fulfill their duties to the 'Morning Freiheit' without the need for a National Council of Jewish Communists."

The "Daily Worker" December 9, 1946, page 7, column 1, in an editorial, referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as the Jewish language Communist paper.

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[redacted] furnished a letter of the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims dated May 10, 1954 advertising an Amnesty Rally dedicated to freeing Smith Act victims for June 10, 1954. PAUL ROBESON was listed on the program for this Rally.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City on June 14, 1952, at which time a National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was formed. According to the informant, the purpose of this organization was to promote amnesty for Communist Party leaders who had been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act and for all "Smith Act victims."

[redacted] advised PAUL ROBESON attended the May Day demonstration of the United May Day Committee held at Union Square, New York City on May 1, 1954.

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of May 11, 1954, page 8, column 1, article entitled, "ROBESON Salute Will Open Fight for Travel Rights" states, "A cultural salute to PAUL ROBESON to be held May 26 at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street at 7th Avenue, New York City, will be the opening event at a National Campaign to Restore the Distinguished Artist Right to Travel Abroad."

[redacted] advised a cultural salute to PAUL ROBESON was held at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City on May 26, 1954 under the auspices of the Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport. According to [redacted] this meeting consisted principally of entertainment, although several speeches were made demanding the State Department to restore ROBESON's passport.

"Negro Affairs" Quarterly, volume 2, number 1, 1954,

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page 5, issued by the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party, United States of America, states, "Be it subversive to support Africa's liberation, to make known to the American people the vicious 'apartheid' laws and to rally aid from Negro and white in this country against the daily terror in Malan's Africa?"

"...Because the United States Government has an economic and political stake in the suppression of South Africa's masses, giving loans and guns to Malan's regime, to enable it to carry on, it is anxious to silence the Council on African Affairs. The MC CARRAN Act is its instrument. The people of South Africa know the work of the Council on African Affairs and take courage from it."

"...PAUL ROBESON, Chairman of the African Council; Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS, its Vice-Chairman; W. A. HUNTON, its Secretary - these are the men whom BROWNELL persecutes because they provide to Americans the truth about Africa."

~~NY~~ [redacted] advised on [redacted] that W. E. B. DU BOIS was a Communist. b7D

~~NY~~ [redacted] knew W. E. B. DU BOIS to be a member of the Communist Party as of [redacted]

[redacted] advised ALPHAEUS HUNTON is a Communist. HUNTON attended the Marxist Institute of the Jefferson School of Social Science during the term 1948 to 1949. NY b7C b7D

~~NY~~ [redacted] stated HUNTON is a Communist. b7D

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: PAUL ROBESON arrived via air at Seattle, Wash., 7/29/54 and departed via air 8/7/54. While in the Seattle area ROBESON sang and spoke at a peace rally at Blaine, Wash., which was sponsored by the Vancouver, B.C. local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. On 8/6/54 ROBESON gave a public concert at the Senator Auditorium, Seattle, Wash. ROBESON also attended a "People's World" fund raising dinner on 8/1/54 at Bellingham, Wash. He attended a reception at the Shipscaler's Union Hall, Seattle, on 8/6/54. The Communist Party, Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council, and the "Daily People's World" were all active in behalf of PAUL ROBESON. - RUC - DETAILS: VARIOUS PLANS FOR PAUL ROBESON'S VISIT TO SEATTLE, WASH. [REDACTED SECTION] [REDACTED SECTION]			
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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has advised that the members of the editorial staff and board of "Freedom" are communists who are active in racial matters. This informant also advised that "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of the "Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast communist newspaper.

On [redacted] the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council held a meeting at [redacted]. One of the principal speakers at this meeting was PAUL BOWEN, who on October 10, 1953, was convicted in Federal Court for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act. BOWEN on numerous occasions has made public statements that he is a member of the Communist Party. PAUL BOWEN called for the formation within the Seattle Negro Labor Council of a Paul Robeson Concert Committee. The purpose of this committee would be to make arrangements for PAUL ROBESON's concert at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Wash., as well as a public concert to be held in Seattle - both events were planned to take place early in August, 1954.

The Seattle Negro Labor Council has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PAUL ROBESON CONCERT COMMITTEE

On [redacted] the PAUL ROBESON Concert Committee held a meeting at [redacted]. At this meeting the following individuals were elected as officers for the Paul Robeson Concert Committee:

Chairman	ROSE CARTER
Secretary	VINCE DAVIS
Treasurer	PEARL CASTLE
Financial Committee Chairman	PEARL CASTLE
Honor Guard (also called Security Guard)	DELBERT CASTLE
Housing Chairman	HAZEL HORDER
Reception Committee Chairman	ANITA MARKEY
Program Chairman	JERRY MARKEY.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that ROSE CARTER is presently an active member of the Central Section, 12th District, Communist Party.

[redacted] advised that VINCE DAVIS, PEARL CASTLE, DELBERT CASTLE were prominent members of the 12th District CP.

[redacted] identified HAZEL HORDER as a member of the CP.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted] ANITA and JERRY MARKEY are members of the Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] planned to [redacted] assemble an honor guard (also referred to as a security guard) to escort PAUL ROBESON from Seattle to Elaine, Washington, and return.

DELBERT CASTLE was designated as the individual who would attempt to assemble sufficient union men to sponsor a dinner for PAUL ROBESON at Washington Hall [redacted]

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

On [redacted] the Paul Robeson Concert Committee held a meeting at [redacted]

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SOURCE: [REDACTED] *4

On July 9, 1954, PEARL CASTLE and (BILL) SHORT paid a \$25.00 deposit on the Senator Auditorium, 7th and Union Streets, Seattle, Wash., for the evening of August 6, 1954. The rent for the auditorium would be \$150. It was decided to order 3200 tickets which were to be broken down into the following price categories:

200 Tickets @ \$5.00
900 Tickets @ 2.00
1600 Tickets @ 1.25
500 Tickets @ .50

It was expected that approximately 3,000 people would attend the concert.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [REDACTED] *4
of known reliability.

[REDACTED] PEARL CASTLE had secured the Senator Auditorium at the cost of \$150 and was printing 3200 tickets at the cost of \$33.00. [REDACTED] FRED BARRY would assist in having the Shipscalers Union sponsor a union concert for PAUL ROBESON. ANITA MARKEY [REDACTED] was still unable to obtain adequate housing for PAUL ROBESON.

SOURCE: [REDACTED] *4

On July 17, 1954, the Seattle Chapter of the Negro Labor Council raised \$125 to cover the cost of renting the Senator Auditorium for the PAUL ROBESON concert which was to be held on August 6, 1954.

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On July 22, 1954, the [redacted] Robeson Concert Committee held a meeting at the home of VINCE DAVIS, Seattle. The first point of order at the meeting was a report from the housing committee and ANITA MARKEY advised that the housing committee as yet was unable to secure adequate housing for PAUL ROBESON even though the committee was prepared to pay rent up to \$10.00 a day.

[redacted] the Shipscaler's Union is planning a reception on Saturday, August 8, 1954, at 2:00 p.m. [redacted]

[redacted] the offices of the "Daily People's World", the Civil Rights Congress, Frontier Book Store, and the Washington Pension Union were all pushing the concert tickets.

SOURCE: [redacted] KU

The California Committee on Un-American Activities report of 1948, page 342, states that the "Daily People's World" is "the West Coast mouth piece of the Communist Party."

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Frontier Book Store - Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reported that ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, Secretary-Treasurer of the International Publishers, Inc., the publishing agency of the Communist Party, conferred with the Communist Party leaders in Seattle on June 29, 1950, at which time he was informed by one of the leaders that MARION KINNEY was the one who ordered literature for the Communist Party. On the same date TRACHTENBERG met with the Literature Commission of the 12th District Communist Party, which included MARION KINNEY. In discussing with MARION KINNEY the operations of the Frontier Book Store, TRACHTENBERG remarked that the Party centers around the book store and that she should maintain constant contact with Party leadership. MARION KINNEY stated that the idea that the Frontier Book Store was not a communist book store was a mistake.

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The Washington Pension Union has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

COMMUNIST PARTY SUPPORT OF PAUL ROBESON

On [REDACTED] the Grays Harbor Section of the Communist Party held a meeting at [REDACTED] PEARL CASTLE from Seattle, Wash., was present and urged all to attend the Paul Robeson concert which would be held at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Wash., on August 1, 1954 as well as the concert to be held in Seattle on August 6th. After the meeting a clam feed was held and \$1.00 was collected from all present. This money was for the Paul Robeson National Defense Fund.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [REDACTED] X4

On [REDACTED] a branch meeting of the Communist Party was held at [REDACTED] It was announced at this meeting that PAUL ROBESON would sing on August 1st at Blaine, Wash., and that he would hold a concert in Seattle, Wash., on August 6, 1954. All Party members were urged to support these affairs.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [REDACTED] X4

C.P. FRONT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING PAUL ROBESON

On [REDACTED] the Northwest Bureau of the "Daily People's World" sponsored a kickoff fund raising conference at [REDACTED] TERRY PETTUS, Editor, Northwest Bureau, "Daily People's World" and an admitted member of the Communist Party, announced that PAUL ROBESON would sing at the Peace Arch at Blaine, Wash., and urged all attend this function.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

On August 6, 1954, the Frontier Book Store, Seattle, was selling PAUL ROBESON concert tickets.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [REDACTED] X4

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On August 15, 1954, an official notice of the State Board of the Washington Pension Union dated August 14, 1954, was released. This notice announced that "In commemoration of the first anniversary of the death of our beloved and honored BILL, there will be a short meeting sponsored by the WILLIAM J. PENNOCK Memorial Association. While they were in Seattle last week PAUL ROBESON and JOSEPH STAROBIN recorded special tributes to "BILL", and ROBESON sang four songs for this meeting!" The notice was signed MABEL CONRAD, WPU Secretary. *WASH*

It will be noted that WILLIAM J. PENNOCK is an admitted member of the Communist Party who committed suicide while standing trial in Federal Court, Seattle, charged with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

JOSEPH STAROBIN was the foreign correspondent for the "Daily Worker".

SOURCE: Confidential Informant *4 b7*
of known reliability.

ROBESON ACTIVITIES WHILE IN THE SEATTLE AREA

On July 29, 1954, PAUL ROBESON, JOHN GRAY, his manager, and ALAN BOOTH, his pianist, arrived at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. *WASH*
That evening a reception in honor of PAUL ROBESON was held at the residence of EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE, 403 20th Avenue North, Seattle. *WASH*

In addition to the PAUL ROBESON Concert Committee PAUL and DORTHA BOWEN, TERRY and BERTA PETTUS, MARION KINNEY and BABA JEANNE DECKER attended this meeting.

It will be recalled that PAUL BOWEN and TERRY PETTUS were convicted on October 10, 1953, for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

MARION KINNEY is an admitted member of the Communist Party and manager of the Frontier Book Store.

BABA JEANNE DECKER is a member of the Communist Party and organizer of the North King County Section of the CP.

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The informant added that while in Seattle PAUL ROBESON would reside with EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE.

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advised [REDACTED] that he knew EARL and VIVIAN GEORGE to be members of the District Committee, 12th District CP.

On August 1, 1954, the Vancouver, B. C., Canada, local of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union sponsored a concert featuring PAUL ROBESON at Peace Arch Park, Blaine, Washington.

HARVEY MURPHY, Regional Director of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced ROBESON. ROBESON sang numerous songs, the majority of which were written by composers from "Iron Curtain" countries. ROBESON also gave a short reading in Russian.

ROBESON made the collection speech and requested that the donations be brought to the speaker's wagon. The response to his appeal was very light and this caused ROBESON to make several comments in an effort to have more individuals donate to his cause.

ROBESON then gave a short talk in which he stated he was the executive editor of the newspaper entitled "Freedom" and was a member of the executive committee for the Council on African Affairs.

The COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ROBESON complained bitterly over the fact that the State Department has not only refused to issue him a passport but has also denied him permission to leave this country or to even visit such neighboring countries as Canada and Mexico. ROBESON complained that the ordinary citizen does not need a passport to visit either Canada or Mexico. According to ROBESON if he were permitted to go to Europe he could obtain several leading roles in operas which were being presented in Czechoslovakia and other "Iron Curtain" countries.

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He also warned that if the State Department did permit him to leave the country he would not cease speaking out for the independence of the African people even though this was against the policy of the State Department. ROBESON also claimed that the State Department by refusing him permission to travel abroad was denying him the right to make a living.

At the concert PAUL ROBESON introduced JOSEPH STAROBIN, foreign correspondent of the "Daily Worker" to the audience.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

Confidential Informant [redacted] estimated that approximately 2500 people were in Peace Arch Park during the concert.

According to informant over a thousand cars were parked in the vicinity of the Canadian Immigration as compared to only several hundred cars in the vicinity of the United States Immigration Station. Informant stated that on every Sunday there are approximately 300 to 500 people picnicking in the park and therefore he estimated that between 1500 and 1800 Canadians attended the concert, 200 Americans and between 300 and 500 picnickers.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability.

The following article appeared in the August 6, 1954, issue of the "Daily People's World", page 4, column 3:

"PAUL ROBESON'S VOICE SOARS ACROSS NATIONAL BARRIERS"

"The artistry of Paul Robeson winged unimpeded across an international frontier with the appearance of the world-beloved singer and actor in his third annual concert in beautiful Peace Arch park on the U. S.-Canadian border.

"Although denied a passport to appear in their countries Robeson sang to friends from many lands as the audience was swelled by athletes and visitors from all parts of the British Commonwealth who are in Vancouver for the famous Empire Games.

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"Overflow Crowd

"The many thousands who made the annual pilgrimage to the Peace Arch spread out across the smooth green lawns, up the gentle flower-slashed slope that makes the park a natural amphitheater and over-flowed into the trees rimming the Eastern boundary. Estimates ranged from fifteen to twenty thousand. However, a Canadian Mounted Police check of 8000 cars lends weight to the larger figure.

"Although the informality and warmth of an outdoor affair remained, ROBESON this year sang a complete, formal concert program ranging from the spirituals of his people, the folk music of many lands to the somberly dramatic 'Prayer and Death' excerpt from Moussorgsky's 'Bohis Godunov'.

"The artist freely admitted that he had some doubts as to the suitability of this selection for a huge, outdoor audience but these soon vanished. The audience loved it and cheered when the singer expressed the hope that he would soon be able to present it on the opera stage of Europe and 'even in my own country'.

"Since its inception the annual border concert has been linked to the fight to force the U. S. State Department to rescind its ban on ROBESON'S passport. The first was held when the singer was unable to get permission to leave the U. S. to appear in a Vancouver, B. C. concert sponsored by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union. If ROBESON cannot come to us, the union said, we will go to him. So the great artist went to the border and the people flocked to hear him. Each year Mine-Mill has sponsored the concert.

"This year the union put out an elaborate, printed program which contained greetings from many Canadian trade unions and fraternal groups. Included as well were messages from personages all over the world protesting the passport ban. Harvey Murphy, Mine-Mill regional director, introduced Robeson as a 'great American who is loved throughout the world'.

"Joe Hill

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"As a special tribute to the fighting traditions of the Canadian union Robeson presented a reading of the scene 'I Speak For Joe Hill' from the play 'The Man Who Never Died' by Barry Stavis. And the program included, as it does every year, a request for 'Joe Hill'.

"In response to the greetings from Murphy the singer pledged to his audience that he will 'press for the freedom of Africa and all colonial people' and will 'keep fighting for the dignity of my people and all people'.

"During an intermission a young Australian athlete paid tribute to Robeson and presented him with gifts from the youth movement of that country. The gifts included a boomerang and an Australian Empire Games' pin."

On August 1, 1954, immediately after the Paul Robeson Concert at Peace Arch Park, ROBESON, accompanied by TERRY PETTUS and JOSEPH STAROBIN, went to the home of WILLIAM "RED" WALLACE at Bellingham, Wash., where a "People's World" fund raising dinner was held. Approximately 70 people attended this dinner and the main speech was given by JOSEPH STAROBIN. According to the informant, ROBESON did not take part in the proceedings. After the dinner the party returned to Seattle, Washington.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability. [redacted] u

On August 6, 1954, PAUL ROBESON sang at a concert which was held at the Senator Auditorium, 7th and Union, Seattle. A crowd of approximately 200 to 300 people attended the concert. ROBESON made no political speeches at this concert, however his program consisted of so-called "progressive" songs as JOE HILL, JOHN HENRY, Etc.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] u

The following article concerning ROBESON'S concert at the Senator Auditorium appeared in the August 13, 1954, edition of the "Daily People's World", page 2, column 2:

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"ROBESON, BOOTH SCORE IN CONCERT"

"PAUL ROBESON and ALAN BOOTH, his Seattle accompanist and guest artist, scored a musical triumph at a summer concert in the Eagles Auditorium Aug 6. Although competing with the many public Seafair activities the concert drew an audience of 700.

"The concert was the Seattle debut of Booth as a concert pianist. To the obvious delight of ROBESON the audience gave him ovation after ovation. In addition to such standard concert numbers as a Beethoven sonata and a Chopin ballad, which gave music lovers an opportunity to compare techniques with pianists ranging from Liberace to Paderewski, BOOTH introduced several new program items including a Chinese suite and three African dances.

"As in previous concerts the audience was satisfied with no fewer than a half dozen encores ending with 'JOE HILL'. ROBESON the actor blended with ROBESON the singer in the powerful prayer and death excerpt from Moussorgsky's opera 'Boris Godunov'. ROBESON is scheduled to sing the title role of 'Boris Godunov' in Europe if and when he gets his passport.

"ROBESON spent more than a week in Seattle conferring with community leaders. On Saturday at a trade union conference in the AFL Shipscaler's Hall a continuations committee to help in the passport campaign was set up."

On August 7, 1954, a reception was held for PAUL ROBESON at the Shipscaler's Drydock and Miscellaneous Workers Union, AFL, 2221 Third Avenue, Seattle, Wash. Prior to ROBESON'S arrival at the reception the Civil Rights Congress circulated petitions among those in attendance. ROBESON sang several songs and between songs would comment on different international and local matters. ROBESON'S main point seemed to be based on the theme that the working people were maltreated by the rich. Approximately thirty or forty individuals attended this reception.

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On the evening of August 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his associates were driven to the Seattle-Tacoma Airport where they boarded an airplane for an unknown destination.

SOURCE: Confidential Informant [redacted] 7/4/54 b7

ROBESON Attempts to Speak Before Local 1-9 ILWU

The following article appeared in the August 15, 1954 edition of the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer", page 17, column 1:

"ROBESON Talk Failure Reason Still Not Clear"

"PAUL ROBESON, controversial Negro baritone, failed in an attempt to speak before a meeting of the Longshoremen's Union here recently, but the reason for his failure was not clear Saturday night.

"One source said the pro-Russian singer's appearance was thwarted when members stayed away from a scheduled meeting, thus preventing a quorum of 200 to vote on whether he should be heard.

"ART OLSEN, secretary of Local 19, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, said the lack of a quorum wasn't unusual. OLSEN said 144 men attended and that fewer than 50 stayed outside.

"ROBESON was in the area to sing at a concert at the Peace Arch near Blaine. He is an honorary member of the union."

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DATE: 6/23/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-3310)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are translations from the following issues of the Hungarian Language, pro-Communist, weekly publication, "Magyar Szo":

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Also enclosed for the Bureau are four translations from the 1954 Almanac of the "Magyar Szo".

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(Hungarian American Word)
March 25, 1954
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(Summary)

PAUL ROBESON'S ADDRESS ON THE TUES OF MARCH

The bright spot in the program of New York's progressive Hungarians was the appearance of Paul Robeson. After he sang he delivered this deeply moving and unforgettable speech.

A century may be of fateful importance in the history of a nation. At the time of the world revolutions in 1848 my father was a five year old boy, and a slave. Soon the abolitionist forces became active and their efforts led to the great Civil War.

No more noble page was written in history than that about your father, Louis Kossuth. Today the same old spirit of fellowship exists between my people and yours. We are all real Americans, regardless of our national background.

This America is ours! And our beloved Louis Kossuth and Frederick Douglass urge us to stand fast and continue the battle in the spirit of our land's great heritage.

Today the entire land is upset by McCarthy's fascist tactics. Progressive Americans were the first to realize the danger, to ring the alarm. Now millions of Americans are aware that the situation is serious and they are beginning to act.

We cannot let ourselves be frightened. We can do pioneer work in saving our land, which we will give to our sons as the land of peace and plenty.

I send my sincere best wishes to the people of Louis Kossuth's land, to the Hungarian peoples' democracy, one of socialism's great lands. Let them realize that there is still a decent America which stands guard and which is growing by the addition of millions, a decent America which extends its hand for peace and friendship to all peoples.

The dangerous areas will continue to remain especially in our land torn by waves of reaction. Now the entire world is united in a common

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effort, for a common goal: peace. The powerful army of peace, led by the great people of the Soviet Union, the Chinese Peoples Republic, the peoples' democracies and millions of peace lovers in every land on earth, will bar war.

PEACE WILL CONQUER WAR!

Long live Hungarian freedom!

Translator: [REDACTED] b7c

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 4, 1954

From Walter Winchell.

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Dear Mr. Wendell:

What do you think of Paul Robeson
on the corner of 126th St. and Lenox Ave. on top
of a Sound-Tunnel? He's indeed, singing his "eye balls"
out to the "Sneaky. Pete" set !! Quite a come-again
huh? What's the matter, can't he get no looking?

after Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, etc. - Singing
about "John Henry" and talking about when he played
football he was fighting for us and so forth; yeah, huh?

Says he's still fighting for us - We don't seem
to be doing a bad under "the" (Communism) Lf.
you want my 4 cents worth - Anyone seen Joe
McCarthy?

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Fri. nite Sept 24, 1954
[REDACTED] N.Y.C. b7c

Dear Mr. Winchell:

What do you think of Paul Robeson singing on the corner of 126th St. and Lenox Ave. on top of a sound truck? Yes Indeed, singing his "eye-balls" out to the "Sneaky Pete" set! Quite a come-down huh? What's the matter, can't he get no booking?

After Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, etc - singing about "John Henry" and talking about when he played football he was fighting for us and so forth; Yeah, huh?

Says he's still fighting for us - We don't seem to be doing so bad under "Ike" (Eisenhower) if you want my 4 cents worth. Anyone seen Joe McCarthy?

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARTNER

DATE: October 5, 1954

FROM : MR. R. D. SIMPSON

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G-2 has furnished excerpts of information obtained during the questioning of returned prisoners of war from Korea. Attached are excerpts pertaining to captioned individual.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached be furnished to the supervisor handling this case.

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ROBESON, Paul

Name

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Dossier No.

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[REDACTED]
Paul Robeson[REDACTED] made the following statement concerning [REDACTED]
during [REDACTED]'s interrogation on [REDACTED]b7c
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ROBESON, Paul was praised by the Chinese for his peace efforts.

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ROBESON, Paul

Name	RANK	ASN	Dossier No.	Army Area
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[REDACTED] made the following statement
during his interrogation on [REDACTED]

The library in camp had books written by ROBESON, Paul.

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ROBESON, Paul

Name	RANK	ASN	Dossier No.	Army Area
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[REDACTED] made the following statement concerning
ROBESON, Paul during [REDACTED]'s interrogation on
[REDACTED]

Subject could recall no publications suggested to prisoners as reading material for use after their release; however, the general statement made by the Communist was that they suggested certain books for reading and told the address of book stores in the larger cities where such books could be found. They also mentioned such authors as: Paul ROBESON; FOSTER; and Steve NELSON. They also mentioned certain films to see.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

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November 22, 1954

MR. W. V. CLEVELAND

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ACTION:

[REDACTED] advised that the Bureau would be kept informed of developments. (u) b7c

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cc-Mr. Branigan
cc-Mr. George Lake
cc-Mr. Ammarell

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject employed as chairman of Editorial Board of "Freedom" and as chairman of the National Council on African Affairs. Subject also self-employed as concert singer, resides at 22 East 89th St, NYC. Subject attended National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims, 6/10/54; official opening "People's Artists", 6/12/54 and BEN GOLD meeting, 6/16/54, subject attended APC program 6/24/54, Soviet reception in honor of Russian Chess Team, 6/24/54, and a tribute to BEN DAVIS, 6/29/54. Subject in attendance at WILLIAM L. PATTERSON Rally, 8/26/54 and AIP rally, 9/23/54. Subject attended National Negro Labor Council, meetings held 9/24-26/54 and on 10/3/54 attended CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT Rally, Chicago, Illinois. Subject and wife honored by dinner sponsored by "New World Review", 10/14/54. On 10/31/54, subject sang at Chopin Cultural Center, Chicago, and on 11/7/54 attended USSR celebration at NYC, and at Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C. On 11/8/54, subject attended PATTERSON Rally, NYC, and NCASF meeting, 11/16/54. Subject scheduled to give concert at PUND, NYC, on 12/7/54, and on 12/17/54 attended dinner honoring International Publishers. Miscellaneous information re Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON's Passport set forth. "Daily Worker", 12/9/54, notes ROBESON subpoenaed to appear that date before NY State Board Legislative Committee on Philanthropic and Charitable Agencies.

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DETAILS:

All informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless the contrary is indicated.

BACKGROUND

Employment

The August, 1954, issue of "Freedom", Volume IV, Number 5, page 2, noted that instant paper is published monthly by Freedom Associates, 139 West 125th Street, New York City, and further listed PAUL ROBESON as chairman of the paper's editorial board.

X "Freedom", a monthly newspaper published by Freedom Associates was introduced in November, 1950, the purpose of which was to promote Negro matters, the selecting and writing of all material from the viewpoint that is interesting rather than necessary to the Negro worker and to point out the importance of the Negro people of their alliance with the labor movement of the working class. (The "Worker", issue of December 31, 1950)

The "Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist newspaper.

██████████ advised in ██████████ that the editorial board of "Freedom" was composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers. According to ██████████ "Freedom" was intended as a replacement for the Harlem edition of the "Worker".

██████████ advised in ██████████ that PAUL ROBESON was chairman of the editorial board of "Freedom" and also usually wrote the lead article for the paper.

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██████████ advised on ██████████ that the subject is chairman of the National Council on African Affairs and is associated with the publication, "Freedom", both organizations being located at 139 West 125th Street, New York City. ██████████ advised that the subject is presently self-employed as he has been for years as a concert singer.

The National Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Residence

On December 17, 1954, ██████████ advised PAUL ROBESON is receiving his mail at apartment 2L, 22 East 89th Street, and, in the opinion of ██████████ this address constitutes PAUL ROBESON's legal residence. He stated that the apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD MC GEE and ROBESON on occasion spends evenings there. ██████████ stated that MC GEE is an unemployed actor who apparently is suffering from a continuing illness which confines him to his bed.

ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

The June 20, 1954 issue of "The Worker", page 10, column 1, contained an article entitled "They Tried to Scandalize His Name - and Failed," which pointed out that the "Get ROBESON Campaign" had failed despite intimidation and name calling on the part of political "know nothings." The article continued to quote a statement given by ROBESON on March 3, 1954, in which ROBESON stated "I know of no force on this earth that can make me retreat one thousandth part of one inch from my firm, well considered, repeatedly declared and fully openly-lived beliefs."

██████████ advised that the subject attended and was a speaker at a meeting of the National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims held June 10, 1954, at the Chateau Gardens, 105 East Houston Street, New York City, which according to the informant, amounted to an "Amnesty Rally for Smith Act prisoners and a tribute to Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY."

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a National Conference to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was held at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York City, on June 14, 1952, at which time the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was formed. According to the informant, the purpose of this organization was to promote amnesty for Communist Party leaders who had been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act. b7D

With regard to DR. EDWARD K. BARSKY, mentioned above, the "Daily Worker" of May 25, 1945, advised that he was president of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" of April 1, 1947, stated that BARSKY was one of the 17 leaders of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee who was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D.C., for contempt of court.

[redacted] advised that BARSKY was a member of the Communist Party. b7D

[redacted] advised that on June 12, 1954, the subject attended an official opening of the new office of "People's Artists", which affair was open by invitation only and was in fact an attempt to raise funds for the organization. ROBESON sang one song and spoke on the importance of "People's Artists" and the job it was doing for the Progressive Movement.

People's Artists, Incorporated, has been cited as a Communist front. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 342).

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On [redacted] [redacted] advised that the subject attended a meeting of trade unionists held at the Fur Workers Union Auditorium, New York City, on June 16, 1954, at which BEN GOLD was chairman. [redacted] continued that subject sang and in a speech called on the trade union movement "to take up the challenge of the racists and the trade union haters and to smash their conspiracy against the trade union movement." He pointed out this conspiracy is vividly underlined in the Taft-Hartley conviction of BEN GOLD, who, according to ROBESON, was the greatest union leader in the country.

BEN GOLD, the president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, was convicted in April, 1954, under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act for filing a false non-Communist affidavit. GOLD has publicly admitted to have been a Communist Party member for over thirty years. 671

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that the subject attended a cultural program sponsored by the American Peace Crusade on June 24, 1954 at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that ROBESON's part in the program consisted of singing several Negro spirituals and informing the audience that he would fight for freedom in this country as long as he is able.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised on June 24, 1954 that ROBESON attended a Soviet reception in honor of the Soviet Chess Team held at the Soviet Delegation Office, New York City. During the course of same, Mr. V.P. SUSLOV, First Secretary of the Soviet United Nations Delegation, commented that one of the outstanding items of the evening's entertainment would be the singing of "one of our very good American friends, PAUL ROBESON." SUSLOV continued that subject was very fluent in Russian and sang Russian songs and operatic works to perfection. [redacted] further advised that ROBESON did sing several songs after greeting guests in Russian. RUS

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[redacted] advised on June 29, 1954, that the subject attended "A Tribute to BEN DAVIS" held at the United Mutual Hall, 310 Lenox Avenue, New York City, which affair was sponsored by the BEN DAVIS Freedom Committee, the Civil Rights Congress and the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership. According to the informant, ROBESON addressed the meeting regarding his trip to Washington, D.C. in attempting to gain parole for DAVIS and attacked the "colonialism" of the foreign policy of the United States especially in Guatemala, where he stated the United States had sponsored the recent revolution. b7D NY

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BENJAMIN DAVIS was convicted in October, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 10, 1951, page 3, columns 1-4, reflected a community campaign to free BEN DAVIS had begun on the streets of Harlem in early September and was sponsored by the Free BEN DAVIS Committee and the Harlem Civil Rights Congress.

[redacted] on March 1, 1954, made available a leaflet entitled "Petition for Amnesty for BENJAMIN DAVIS", issued by the BEN DAVIS Freedom Committee, same being signed by LOUISE JEFFERS, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, MARTHA CORREA, PAULINE MILOUS and SAUL GROSS. A letter attached to the above petition reflects the aims of the BENJAMIN DAVIS Freedom Committee are to terminate and abolish segregation and discrimination of federal prisoners and to grant amnesty to BENJAMIN DAVIS and all other political prisoners. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, listed above, was listed on this leaflet as national executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress which has been previously described. b7D

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[redacted] advised on February 15, 1954, that LOUISE JEFFERS was an organizer in the Harlem Communist Party, New York City.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that MARTHA CORREA is the Denver County, Colorado, organizer of the Communist Party and is also in charge of the Mexican Section of the Communist Party in Denver. b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that PAULINE MILOUS was a member of the Nat Turner Club of the Communist Party.

[redacted] of unknown reliability, advised in [redacted] that [redacted] had been a member of the International Workers Order for ten years. b7C

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised [redacted] a National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership had been formed to stop the attacks against the whole Negro people. On [redacted] [redacted] stated that the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership is highly infiltrated by the Communist Party and has expanded its energies in behalf of negroes indicted under the Smith Act. b7D

[redacted] stated on [redacted] that officers of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership are in frequent contact with CP, USA Headquarters.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 1, 1954, page 3, column 1, contained an article entitled "Packed Rally Honors BEN DAVIS" which article stated that several hundred persons attended tribute to BEN DAVIS held at 310 Lenox Avenue. The article stated that "DAVIS, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, has brought suit to smash Jim Crow in federal prisons starting with the one at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he is serving a Smith Act frame-up."

In his speech, ROBESON, according to the article, spoke of the betrayal of the Guatemalan people and declared we must not lose sight of the millions in colonial and semi-colonial countries who are suffering "under serfdom imposed by those for whom we vote." The article pointed out that the Stalin Peace Prize Winner (ROBESON) declared "we in America are directly responsible for fighting for the freedom of these peoples."

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██████████ advised that on July 2, 1954, the USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., requested that two photographs of ROBESON, appropriately autographed, be secured for the Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow, Russia. b7D

The July 11, 1954, edition of the "Worker", page 8, column 1, contained an article entitled "a letter from ROBESON to CHARLES CHAPLIN", in which ROBESON publicly thanked CHAPLIN for a recent message supporting his, ROBESON'S, struggle to obtain a passport. The letter contained various compliments directed by ROBESON to CHAPLIN and concludes "may we meet again soon!"

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 9, 1954, page 1, column 3, contained an article entitled "15,000 Thrill to ROBESON'S Voice in United States-Canadian Border Concert", which article pointed out that ROBESON had sung at the Third Great Peace Arch Rally at the Canadian-United States Border. According to the article, ROBESON sang for approximately two hours and promised to take his passport case to the highest court in the United States.

██████████ ~~ROBESON~~ advised that as of August 11, 1954, JESSICA SMITH, Editor, "New World Review", indicated that the "New World Review" was organizing a dinner in honor of ESLANDA and PAUL ROBESON, same to be held October 14, 1954 at the City Center Casino, 135 West 55th Street, New York City. N.Y. 57D

It is noted that the publication, "Soviet Russia Today" in March, 1951, changed its title to "New World Review". N.Y. R.A. N.Y.

Concerning "Soviet Russia Today", the following appears in the booklet, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C:

"Soviet Russia Today"

1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 167; also cited in Report, June 25, 1942, page 21.)

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2. Cited as a 'Communist-front publication'. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report Number 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 226, 1950 (originally released October 23, 1949, page 108).

██████████ and ██████████ advised that on August 26, 1954, a combination protest rally and birthday party for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, was held at Small's Paradise, 2294 7th Avenue, New York City.

██████████ and ██████████ continued that ROBESON was among the speakers and eulogized PATTERSON, describing him as a world-wide leader. ROBESON stated that the Communists who earlier had fought against Hitler are now fighting in the liberation of the human race. ROBESON described the imprisoned Communist Party leaders as the "real" patriots of America and called for a fight in their behalf because "their freedom is our freedom".

██████████ advised that on September 23, 1954, the American Labor Party held a 1954 Gubernatorial Election Rally at the Manhattan Center, New York City, during which various American Labor Party candidates spoke. ██████████ advised that PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended and ROBESON spoke on the desperate need for leadership in the minority groups.

██████████ advised that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally, these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. ██████████ knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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[redacted] in [redacted] advised that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on September 24, 1954, the National Negro Labor Council held a street meeting under the auspices of its New York Chapter at the corner of 126th Street and Lenox Avenue. PAUL ROBESON was principal speaker in connection with which he asked the audience to attend the forthcoming National Negro Labor Council conference on September 25-26, 1954, at the Hotel Theresa. [redacted] and [redacted] continued that ROBESON sang several numbers and spoke from a sound truck to an audience of approximately 200 people. b7D

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on [redacted] ROBESON was in attendance at the general council meeting of the National Negro Labor Council held at [redacted] New York City.

[redacted] continued that the subject addressed the sixty odd delegates on the progress of the National Council on African Affairs and stated that he, ROBESON, would do whatever he could for the National Negro Labor Council.

National

Concerning the/Council on African Affairs, the following appears in the publication, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C:

"National Council on African Affairs

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist. (Attorney General TOM CLARK, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. A Communist-front organization 'formerly known as the International Committee on African Affairs. Its official publication, a monthly bulletin, is called New Africa'. It has received funds from the American People's Fund, a 'Communist financial organization'. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 168 and 320.)"

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peaceful world and their efforts towards co-existence between nations.



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█████ advised that on November 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended a November 7 celebration at the USSR United Nations Delegation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City.

█████ advised that on the evening of November 7, 1954, PAUL ROBESON and his wife attended a reception held at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., same being in celebration of the Great October Revolution.

█████ and █████ advised that on November 8, 1954, a "Fight-Back Rally" was held at the Renaissance Casino, New York City, to honor WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, National Executive Secretary, Civil Rights Congress, and ALPHAEUS HUNTON of the Council on African Affairs.

█████ and █████ advised the rally was sponsored by the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership, Committee of 100 Women and Patterson Defense Committee, however, these informants felt that same was actually a joint effort of the Civil Rights Congress and the National Council on African Affairs. Approximately 350 people were in attendance and the chairman of same was ESLANDA ROBESON. PAUL ROBESON, in speaking before the rally, called for support of the colonial peoples of the world and stated that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON'S continued leadership in the fight on behalf of the Negro was necessary for the welfare of the oppressed.

The November 7, 1954, edition of the "Daily Worker", page 16, column 1, reflected that a "Fight-Back Rally" for WILLIAM PATTERSON was scheduled for the evening of November 8, 1954, which rally was to be partly sponsored by the Women's Committee of 100.

In the opinion of █████, the Women's Committee of 100 had been initiated about the time of the arrest of WILLIAM PATTERSON for the specific purpose of affording protection to political leaders as PATTERSON.

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[redacted] continued that the future plans of the committee encompassed concentration on the struggle for civil liberties and freedom from political oppression. According to [redacted] ESIANDA ROBESON was an officer of this organization.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that ROBESON attended the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship meeting held at the New Rockland Palace, 155th Street and 8th Avenue, New York City, which meeting was held in honor of the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet State and the 21st anniversary of the United States diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union. 67D

[redacted] advised that on November 16, 1954, ROBESON, at the above-mentioned meeting of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, spoke and delivered a speech which related the Red Revolution in 1917 with the struggle of the Negro people today in America.

ROBESON stated that just as Lenin and Stalin realized their dreams for their people, the Negro in America must be liberated into full freedom by 1963. He continued that like the USSR and Red China, the people of the world must live in co-existence for peace.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] advised that ROBESON was to give a concert on December 7, 1954, at the Polish United Nations Delegation, New York City.

[redacted] advised that the subject attended a dinner honoring the 30th anniversary of International Publishers and the 70th birthday of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, held on December 17, 1954, at the Yugoslav-American Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City. ROBESON was among those who spoke in connection with the praising of the work of International Publishers. NY

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International Publishers

"The (Communist) Party's publishing house", headed by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, page 7686).

██████████ and ██████████ have described International Publishers as a Communist publishing house.

With regard to ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, ██████████ advised on ██████████ that he was a member of the National Review Commission of the Communist Party, USA, and was secretary of International Publishers, Incorporated.

ALEX TRACHTENBERG was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted on June 30, 1951, New York City, for violation of the Smith Act and was subsequently convicted on January 21, 1953 of same.

Miscellaneous

The "Daily Worker" issue of September 7, 1954, page 7, column 4, contained an article entitled "World Demand Rises to Let ROBESON Travel", which article stated that scores of protests and pledges of support are streaming into the office of the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport.

██████████ advised that on November 1, 1951, a leaflet was prepared and distributed by the Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport, which leaflet was entitled "the case of PAUL ROBESON'S passport". The leaflet set forth the "facts" concerning the State Department's refusal to grant PAUL ROBESON'S passport and contains suggestions to be taken in having the passport ban lifted. The leaflet also contained a coupon bearing the following: "Miss MARGARET MC CADEN, Secretary, Provisional Committee to Restore PAUL ROBESON'S Passport, 2286 7th Avenue, New York City", which solicited contributions.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] was a member of the 14th Ward, Communist Party, in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1945 or 1946. ←

The "Daily Worker" of May 4, 1954, page 6, column 1, reflects that MARGARET MC CADEN was social director at a Decoration Day weekend held at Camp Unity, New York. b7D

[redacted] advised that the program at Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York, featured lectures along Communist Party lines and that the bookshop at the camp dealt almost exclusively in Communist literature.

[redacted] has advised that Camp Unity was first set up by the Communist Party as a recreation camp for all races. In August, 1947, [redacted] stated the camp was frequented by Communists of all races.

The "Daily Worker" of December 9, 1954, page 1, column 3, contained an article entitled "ROBESON Subpoenaed" which stated that ROBESON had been subpoenaed to appear on December 9, 1954, before the New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Philanthropic and Charitable Organizations in an executive session at 270 Broadway. The article pointed out that the subpoena of ROBESON apparently is in connection with the "committee's attack on the Civil Rights Congress." ←

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